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and the drive output means are in engagement with each other.

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

Claim 1 has been amended so as to clearly set forth the energy input means necessary to provide power to the drive means. The energy input means is clearly disclosed, for example, on page 13 lines 22 through 29 of the instant specification. Accordingly, the amendment to the claim is supported by the original specification. The amendment to the claim renders the Examiner's rejection to the claims under 35 U.S.C. 101 moot as there is an energy input for the drive means.

In light of the foregoing the Examiner's reconsideration is respectfully requested and an early issuance for the Notice of Allowance is anticipated.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to

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telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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